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SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" Sir, in view of the troubled conditions prevailing in Tanjore district, as the standard of wages for agricultural labour there is about the lowest, will the Hon. Minister take up the inquiry there first and finish it as quickly as possible? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" In the eleven districts taken up by Government, Tanjore does not find a place. The eleven districts we have chosen are areas where absolutely low wages for agricultural labour prevail. That shows that Tanjore district is certainly better off than Bellary, Visakhapatnam, North Arcot, etc., which are all low wage areas."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" What does the Hon. Minister mean by '*no*' wages? Am I to understand that people there are working for no wages? "

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS:—" 'Low' wages."

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" I said 'low' wages."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" May I know what those eleven districts are? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" They are Bellary, Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam, North Arcot, South Kanara, Chittoor, South Arcot, Nellore, Chingleput, Salem and Kurnool."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN:—" Does the Hon. Minister mean that in these districts the agricultural wages paid are lower than those paid in Tanjore district? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" My information is that the distress is more acute in those areas than in Tanjore district. In view of the suggestion of the hon. Member that in Tanjore district it is worse, I shall consider his suggestion."

*Provincialization of the posts of Municipal Commissioners.*

* 14 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the municipal councils have agreed to the provincialization of the posts of Municipal Commissioners;

(*b*) if so, whether the posts of Municipal Commissioners have accordingly been provincialized;

(*c*) the comparative scales of pay for Municipal Commissioners, Municipal Health Officers and Municipal Engineers of the several grades;

(*d*) the stage, at which the constitution of a combined service for all employees of local boards and municipal councils stands; and

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(e) whether the employees of local boards and municipal councils of several categories including teachers will be granted the same scale of pay and allowances as corresponding Government servants?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" (a) A Majority of the municipal councils have agreed to the proposal of the Government for constituting a Municipal Service for Municipal Commissioners in the State under section 77-A of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920.

" (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

" (c) The scales are these:—

| *Grades.* | *Municipal Commissioners.* | *Municipal Health Officers.* | *Municipal Engineers.* |
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| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| I | 300–25–500 | 50–30/2–340–40/2–580 | 500–50/2–850 |
| II | 200–10–300 | 160–20/2–280 (Medical graduates and men with L.M. & S. qualifications are started on Rs. 200 in that scale). | 260–30/2–380–40/2–500. |
| III | 150–5–200 | .. | 150–10–250. |

" (d) There is no such proposal under consideration.

" (e) Peons and attenders under District Boards and Municipal Councils are given the same scales of pay as in Government service. The scales of pay of other classes of servants excluding teachers of local boards and municipal councils are lower than those, applicable to servants of the State. There is no proposal to grant them the scales of pay admissible to corresponding posts in the State Service. The scales of pay for teachers in schools under local bodies are lower than those applicable to teachers in Government schools.

" However, certain municipalities whose financial position was satisfactory, have been permitted to adopt Government scales of pay for their teachers in elementary schools. No district boards have been permitted to adopt Government scales of pay for their teachers in elementary schools. So far as teachers in secondary schools are concerned, it is open to local bodies to adopt Government scales of pay for teachers, with the sanction of Government, if the local bodies can finance the extra cost. Many local bodies have adopted Government scales of pay for their teachers in secondary schools. The sanction is generally accorded if the local body can meet the extra cost from its own funds."

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY:—" I should like to know whether the Madras Corporation is included in the municipalities of this province? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" I think it is included, Sir."

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Sri V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Then, will the Hon. Minister let me know what difference there is between the salary of the elementary grade teachers of the Corporation and the salary given to the same class by Government? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I think a fresh question may be put."

Sri V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" May I know what the amount is of allowance, I think, it is called dearness allowance, given to teachers in Government elementary schools? Is it according to what is called cost of living index number, or is it a lump sum fixed by the Government? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Notice."

Sri V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" It is a curious thing that the Hon. Minister does not know, on what basis the dearness allowance is being fixed. If he does not know it, I can give him the information."

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I cannot give the answer offhand as I may commit mistakes."

Sri S. RAMAKRISHNIAH :—" Will Government make it mandatory on the part of local boards and municipalities to pay to their employees the Government scales of pay? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It is not mandatory; it is only left to their option."

Sri S. RAMAKRISHNIAH :—" I am asking, will the Government make it mandatory on the part of local boards and municipalities to implement the Government scales of pay to their employees? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" That is under the consideration of the Government. The suggestion will be considered."

Sri S. RAMAKRISHNIAH :—" Is it a fact that the Kurnool District Board has passed a resolution some time back to permit them to implement Government scales of pay to their employees, but that this Government have not approved of their action? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I have no information. A fresh question may be put."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know, Sir, why even after five years of Swaraj, Government do not recognize teachers irrespective of the agency they may be serving under as national servants, discharging the primary functions of the Government and as entitled to a salary on a par with that of teachers serving directly under the Government auspices? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI :—" This question may be put to the Hon. Education Minister." (Laughter.)

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAMA MUDALIAR :—" With reference to the scales of pay of the several municipal officers furnished by the 4–45 p.m.

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Hon. Minister, may I know, Sir, whether it is not proper to give the Commissioners of Municipalities who are the chief executive officers at least the scales of pay fixed for the respective grades of Municipal Health Officers and Municipal Engineers?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—"The scales of pay seem to be low and they will be decided when a separate service for Municipal Commissioners is constituted."

**[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

## II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. THE CHAIRMAN.

### (1) ELECTION OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN:—"I have to inform the House that the following candidates were nominated for election to the House Committee for the financial year 1952–53:—

1. Sri K. Suryanarayana.
2. ,, Sri A. Subramanyam.
3. ,, T. Purushothama Mudaliar.
4. ,, R. Nathamuni Reddy.
5. ,, V. Ramakrishna.
6. ,, M. P. Sivagnana Gramany

"As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., six, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.

"In addition to the above, under Rule 144 of the Madras Council Rules, I nominate the following two members to be members of the said Committee:—

1. Sri M. Sudarasanam.
2. Srimathi J. Sitamahalaxmi.

### (2) ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

MR. CHAIRMAN:—"I have to inform the House that the following candidates were nominated for election of nine members to the Committee of Privileges, for the financial year 1952–53:—

1. Sri M. P. Govinda Menon.
2. ,, V. Gurunandan Row.
3. ,, V. Bhashyam Ayyangar.
4. ,, V. R. Ranganathan.
5. ,, N. Venkateswarlu.
6. ,, K. Bhashyam.
7. ,, N. Satyanarayana.
8. ,, S. Chengalraya Chetty.
9. ,, Mrs. M. N. Clubwala.